

Media Advisory

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Governor's Social Services Policy Council to Meet at Wichita's Center Industries

Community leaders will discuss employment for Kansans with disabilities, other topics

TOPEKA—Governor Sam Brownback will host the third meeting of the Governor's Social Services Policy Council (SSPC) on July 6, in Wichita.

This meeting of the council will be held at Center Industries, a manufacturing entity that provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Representatives of Center Industries will speak to the council about their program and the benefits of competitive employment. Michael Donnelly, Director of Rehabilitation Services for the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), and Pat Jonas, CEO, Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (CPRF), will present as well on the topic of employment for Kansans with disabilities.

Other items on the agenda for the council are:

- An update on the HOPE Mentoring program by DCF Mentoring Program Manager Jim Echols
- A presentation by Sarah Fischer, Director of Prevention and Promotion Services at the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and by Stacy Chamberlain, Director of Addiction Services, on Priorities for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention and Treatment

The council, established by Executive Order 15-01, was designed to advise the Governor on issues concerning social services policies and conditions in Kansas. Members will provide recommendations to reduce the poverty rate and improve social services in the state to better address the needs of Kansans. Four cabinet-level agencies are also be involved.

WHO: Governor Sam Brownback (SSPC Chairman), Ex-Officio Members: DCF Secretary Phyllis Gilmore, KDADS Interim Secretary Tim Keck, Kansas Department of Corrections Secretary Joseph Norwood and Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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Secretary Susan Mosier. Social Services Policy Council members include Chuck Allen, David Crum, Bev Eversmeyer, Barry Feaker, Joe Gardner, Lorie Johnson, Gina Meier-Hummel, Marcos Navarro, Denise Rhoades, Pat Terick and Treatha Brown-Foster.

WHAT: Governor's Social Services Policy Council meeting

WHEN: 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 6 (adjournment is planned for 2:30 p.m.)

WHERE: Center Industries, 2505 S. Custer Ave., Wichita

Presentation materials and future agendas will be posted on
www.dcf.ks.gov/Newsroom/Pages/SSPC.aspx.

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